

Election of Species

Applicant elects Species I as described with respect to Figs. 3A – 3E for further prosecution on the merits in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 may be interpreted as readable on elected Species I.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, Species I as described with respect to Figs. 3A – 3E of the present application has been elected for further prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

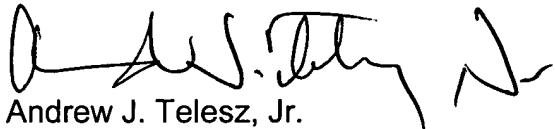
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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